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**TAMPA POLICE OFFICER ENTERS WRITTEN PLEA AGREEMENT
ON DRUG CHARGES**

United States Attorney Mac Cauley announced today that Tampa Police Officer Matthew R. Campbell, age 26, has signed an agreement to plead guilty to count one, conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute MDMA "Ecstasy", and count two distribution and possession with intent to distribute the same substance. Campbell was arrested on December 14, 2001.

In the plea agreement Campbell admits that in December of 2000 a person that had been arrested and had his car impounded asked Campbell to retrieve 1,000 dosage units of Ecstasy from his vehicle and return them to him. The Ecstasy was hidden in the vehicle. The plea agreement further states that Campbell agreed to retrieve the Ecstasy in exchange for anabolic steroids. The plea agreement states that on or about December 18, 2000 the exchange took place. Campbell faces 20 years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Tampa Police Department. The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Del Fuoco.